

# CCH Board Member

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# Spotlight

Columbus Community Hospital



## John Pavlik

HOSPITAL BOARD TREASURER

One factor that swayed John Pavlik's decision to move to Columbus was his overwhelming sense of community when he was visiting. So when the Columbus Community Hospital board of directors approached him about joining the board, he knew it was part of his responsibility to give back to the community in a meaningful way.

Pavlik grew up on his family's farm in Verdigre, Nebraska. In 2005, he and his wife, Kendra, moved to Columbus, where she began her dentistry career. Pavlik used his farming background to start a career selling farm equipment before transitioning to the banking industry. After nearly 17 years in banking, he is currently a loan officer at Bank of the Valley.

Over the years, he's contributed his financial knowledge and experience to several local boards and committees. His most recent venture brought him to the hospital's board of directors in June 2022.

**"As an entrepreneur of different businesses, I've been part of all the aspects of owning a business, such as human resources, finance, technology, management and many more that I believe are important elements for a board,"** he said. **"I accepted the**

**opportunity to join the hospital board because I highly regard the hospital as a valuable asset to our community."**

The hospital's board members use their diverse backgrounds to work together and further the organization's mission of improving the health of the communities it serves. Pavlik said he is proud to be part of a high-caliber team and believes the hospital's strength is a direct result of the strong communities it serves.

**"It's important our community members can receive high-quality care locally without traveling out of town,"** he said. **"When your patient or caregiver is a neighbor or member of your community, the quality of care makes a difference. The hospital's dedication to the community extends beyond its four walls and is evident through the collaboration with the Columbus Family YMCA, Columbus Fieldhouse, Child Care Center and much more."**

It's not a secret that community is important to Pavlik — it's one of his favorite parts about the hospital. According to him, one of the hospital's most valuable assets is the dedication of its leadership team and staff.

**"So many communities and businesses say it's their people who make the**

**difference, but for CCH, it's true,"** he said. **"When you walk through the doors at the hospital and people recognize and treat you with respect, it makes a difference."**

As a newer board member, Pavlik serves on the hospital's finance and building and grounds committees. He has nine years remaining in his term and is looking forward to watching the hospital and surrounding communities grow stronger.

**"Time has changed health care needs by methods, techniques and technology,"** he said. **"As a hospital, we must continue investing in the necessary resources to match these responsibilities."**

Pavlik enjoys spending time with his family and friends in his free time, but also tries to return to the family farm as often as possible.

**To learn more about Columbus Community Hospital and its board of directors, visit [columbushosp.org](http://columbushosp.org).**